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Reports from cold storage warehouses and meat packing plants and the War Food Administration as of December 1, indicate that stocks of frozen fruits, creamery butter, cheese, shell eggs, frozen eggs, and lard were substantially reduced during November. On the other hand, stocks of fresh apples, frozen vegetables, frozen poultry, beef, pork, lamb and mutton, and miscellaneous meats showed significant increases.

Stocks of frozen poultry increased at a much heavier than average rate. The same is true for frozen vegetables, frozen and cured beef, frozen lamb and mutton and frozen and cured trimmings. Stocks of cheese, frozen eggs and lard and pork fat were reduced at a heavier-than-average rate.

Holdings of all commodities on December 1, 1943 with the exception of fresh apples and pears were substantially heavier than those of a year earlier and the 5-year (1938-1942) average.

Cooler occupancy was 73 percent compared with 77 percent a month earlier and freezer occupancy 89 percent compared with 89. Conversions of warehouse space from cooler to freezer temperatures since 1941 undoubtedly account for the fact that the percentage occupancy of freezers shows no increase from a month earlier despite an actual increase of about 52 million pounds in all freezer items.

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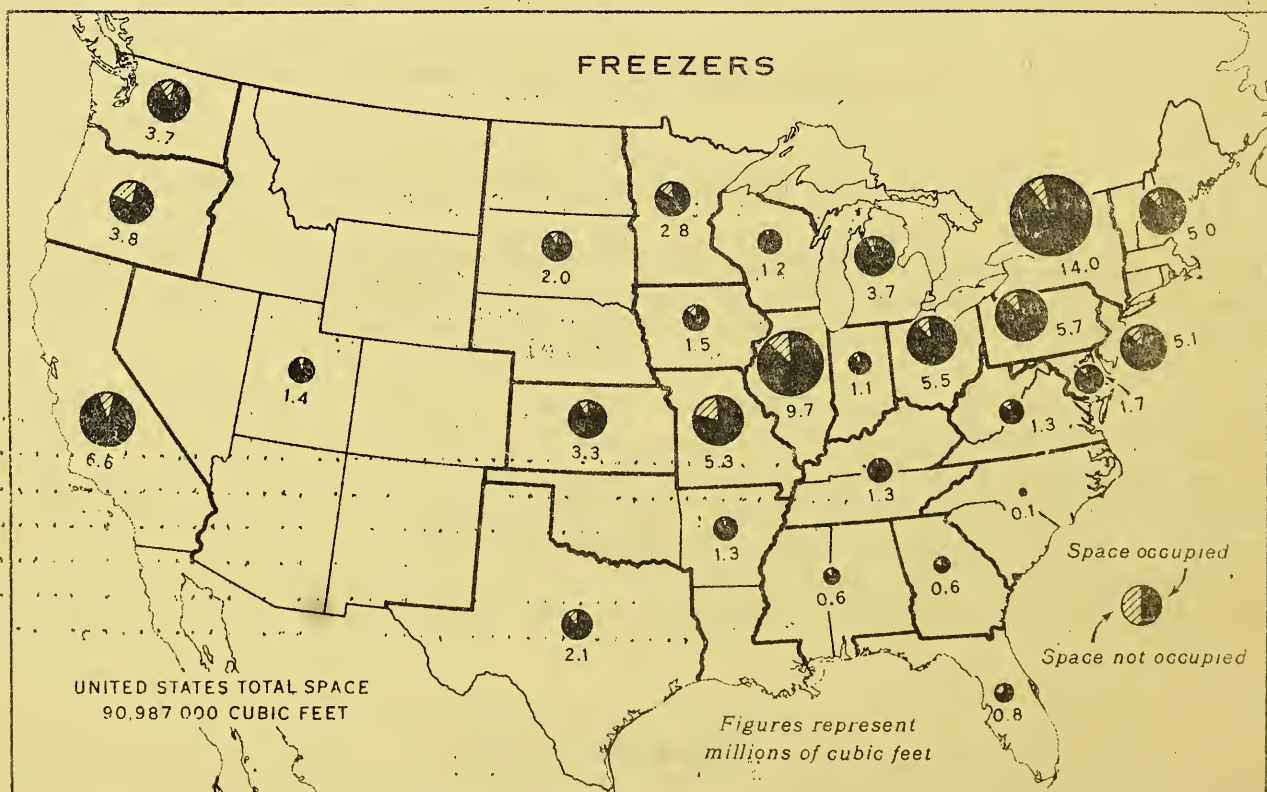
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**NET PILING SPACE AND PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED IN COOLERS  
AND FREEZERS IN PUBLIC COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES OTHER THAN  
APPLE HOUSES, ON NOVEMBER 1, AND DECEMBER 1, 1942 AND 1943**

State or Geographic Division	Net Piling Space 1/		Percentage of Space Occupied 2/							
	Cooler	Freezer	Nov. 1, 1942		Dec. 1, 1942		Nov. 1, 1943		Dec. 1, 1943 3/	
			Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer	Cooler	Freezer
	Thousand	Cubic Feet	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
NEW ENGLAND.....	4,095	5,003	77	88	69	89	77	92	74	91
New York.....	20,142	13,970	74	78	69	77	82	92	79	94
New Jersey.....	8,813	5,100	83	74	79	78	82	89	76	90
Pennsylvania.....	12,601	5,665	77	83	73	83	80	89	73	91
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....	41,556	24,735	77	78	72	78	82	91	77	92
Ohio.....	8,054	5,532	80	87	74	85	82	92	73	92
Indiana.....	1,207	1,085	70	60	67	68	75	93	63	91
Illinois.....	15,513	9,686	70	83	52	77	75	90	67	89
Michigan.....	3,692	3,686	88	86	78	82	78	94	77	95
Wisconsin.....	3,406	1,210	80	77	69	65	85	95	77	95
EAST NORTH CENTRAL....	31,872	21,215	76	83	64	78	79	92	71	91
Minnesota.....	1,205	2,755	64	75	48	75	68	87	54	86
Iowa.....	667	1,533	57	56	52	57	73	83	59	88
Missouri.....	5,137	5,262	76	69	63	64	74	78	69	80
No. & So. Dak. & Nebr...	1,113	1,984	46	74	46	88	94	94	88	91
Kansas.....	2,871	3,264	71	91	55	71	79	75	59	92
WEST NORTH CENTRAL....	10,993	14,798	69	75	57	71	75	82	65	85
Del., Md. & D. C.....	2,043	1,663	65	85	65	85	72	92	67	91
Virginia & W. Virginia..	5,441	1,297	94	86	95	85	71	92	82	88
No. & So. Carolina.....	248	93	74	96	60	85	68	95	63	95
Georgia.....	2,761	647	61	66	61	59	67	70	68	83
Florida.....	1,000	757	80	77	67	79	79	82	71	82
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....	11,493	4,457	83	81	78	81	71	87	75	88
Kentucky & Tennessee....	3,072	1,272	69	94	64	73	61	96	77	97
Alabama & Mississippi...	748	625	77	78	81	82	76	91	73	91
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL....	3,920	1,897	71	86	68	77	77	94	76	94
Ark., La. & Okla.....	2,818	1,266	55	81	52	77	75	96	66	94
Texas.....	4,333	2,095	61	68	58	66	75	85	75	89
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL....	7,151	3,361	59	73	56	70	75	90	72	91
MOUNTAIN.....	2,059	1,445	61	75	55	82	57	93	54	93
Washington.....	2,847	3,702	61	77	50	76	76	88	70	87
Oregon.....	3,275	3,753	84	68	54	53	48	84	46	78
California.....	10,962	6,617	66	82	65	74	74	87	77	91
PACIFIC.....	17,084	14,072	68	78	61	70	71	86	71	85
UNITED STATES.....	130,123	90,987	4/74	4/79	4/66	4/76	4/77	4/89	4/73	4/89

1/ Reported to the Department of Agriculture as of June 16, 1941.

2/ Percentages for the periods covered here were made as comparable as possible.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ Weighted average of the occupancy for geographic divisions using the corresponding net piling space as weights.



## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on December 1, 1943 totaled 25,095,000 bushels. This quantity is 10.7 million bushels less than the December 1942 holdings and 7.4 million less than the December 1, (1938-42) 5-year average.

There were 239.4 million pounds of frozen fruits and 194.4 million pounds of frozen vegetables reported in the warehouses on December 1. Fruit stocks exceeded those of a year earlier by 33 million pounds and the average by 73.9 million. Vegetables were 78.5 million above December 1, 1942 and 105.3 million above average.

(See table on page 8 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Dec. 1 5-yr. av. 1938-1942	Dec. 1 1942	Nov. 1 1943	Dec. 1 1943
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- Thousands -

## FRUITS, FRESH

Apples.....barrels.....	168	79	28	23
Apples.....Western boxes.	14,570	14,695	11,393	12,884
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	11,475	8,420	7,233
Apples.....bushel baskets	17,454	9,354	5,131	4,889
Total Apples.....bushels.....	32,528	35,761	25,028	25,095
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	37	28	32	31
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	31	66	416	29
Pears, all other varieties....boxes.....	1,864	2,070	1,296	942
Pears.....bushel baskets	64	62	101	40
Total Pears.....bushels.....	1,996	2,226	1,845	1,042

## FRUITS, FROZEN

Blackberries.....pounds.....	6,682	8,119	12,216	10,904
Blueberries....."	6,048	7,468	13,962	14,092
Cherries....."	27,591	35,990	24,204	22,757
Logan and similar berries...."	4,189	5,160	5,358	4,686
Raspberries....."	13,216	18,340	18,871	17,555
Strawberries....."	43,187	39,361	29,546	26,565
Other fruits....."	32,092	61,226	93,391	101,917
Classification not reported...	32,546	30,732	45,999	40,937
Total....."	165,551	206,396	243,547	239,413

## VEGETABLES, FROZEN

Asparagus.....pounds.....	5,883	5,937	5,641	5,804
Beans, lima....."	15,769	15,220	13,199	11,731
Beans, snap....."	6,453	5,906	15,348	15,145
Broccoli, green....."	1,573	860	1,367	1,810
Corn, sweet....."	6,847	6,838	18,299	17,346
Peas, green....."	28,899	35,077	50,834	47,506
Spinach....."	6,035	5,470	9,884	11,491
Other vegetables....."	5,202	8,107	19,674	28,120
Classification not reported...	12,407	32,430	55,997	55,417
Total....."	89,068	115,845	190,243	194,370

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets".

(See table on page 8 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

## APPLES: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	December 1, 1943					Dec. 1, 1942
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
- Thousands -						
Vermont.....	-	-	148	-	148	155
Massachusetts.....	-	-	1,005	-	1,005	1,345
Connecticut.....	-	-	348	-	348	759
New York.....	-	26	3,363	858	4,247	5,946
New Jersey.....	-	61	357	298	716	1,238
Pennsylvania.....	2	3	408	583	1,000	1,960
Ohio.....	-	8	174	242	424	905
Indiana.....	-	1	2	113	116	220
Illinois.....	-	6	53	542	601	994
Michigan.....	-	97	404	198	699	1,221
Wisconsin.....	-	6	4	65	75	143
Missouri.....	-	14	15	261	290	562
Virginia.....	20	19	614	1,276	1,969	4,242
West Virginia.....	-	2	89	263	354	701
Washington.....	-	10,148	-	-	10,148	11,432
Oregon.....	-	854	-	-	854	613
California.....	-	1,585	-	-	1,585	1,849
Other States.....	1	54	269	190	516	1,476
UNITED STATES.....	23	12,884	7,253	4,889	25,095	35,761

## PEARS: HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE BY STATES

STATE	December 1, 1943	December 1, 1942
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
	<u>Thousands -</u>	
New York.....	40	64
New Jersey.....	21	10
Pennsylvania.....	13	5
Illinois.....	28	6
Washington.....	198	626
Oregon.....	444	1,202
California.....	202	246
Other States.....	96	67
UNITED STATES.....	1,042	2,226



## DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

The out-of-storage movement of creamery butter stocks during November totaled 35.2 million pounds. December 1, 1943 stocks which totaled 176 million pounds were 130.1 million pounds greater than the December 1, 1942 holdings and 72.8 millions above the December 1, 5-year (1938-42) average. Included in the above total are 107.8 million pounds owned by government agencies (DPMA and FDA). Stocks of cheese were reduced by 21.1 million pounds during November. December 1 holdings totaled 202.6 million pounds. This quantity is 48.8 million pounds above December 1, 1942 stocks and 58.5 millions above average. DPMA and FDA holdings included in the overall totaled 96.9 million pounds of natural cheese. The reduction in egg stocks during the month (2,232,000 cases of shell and 69,245,000 pounds of frozen) were the equivalent of 4,078,000 cases. December 1 holdings of 1,762,000 cases and 173,019,000 pounds of frozen exceeded those of a year earlier by 592,000 cases of shell and 46,698,000 pounds of frozen and the 5-year average by 196,000 cases and 70,415,000 pounds respectively.

Frozen poultry stocks were increased during the month by 57.2 million pounds. December 1 holdings totaled 197.4 million pounds, or 4.1 million heavier than those of a year ago and 43.2 millions heavier than the average.

(See table on pages 8 and 9 for December 1, 1943 holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	December 1 5-year ave. 1938-1942	December 1 1942	November 1 1943	December 1 1943
- Thousands -				
CREAM.....40-qt. cans	187	128	478	435
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds.....	103,286	45,937	211,229	176,045
DPMA holdings....."	23,019		115,385	87,635
FDA and FSCC holdings....."	3,932	3,877	33,227	20,176
*Other stocks....."	76,335	42,060	62,617	68,234
CHEESE				
American, total.....pounds.....	122,535	134,332	193,396	177,110
DPMA holdings....."			56,455	56,970
FDA and FSCC holdings....."		22,652	52,116	39,979
*Other stocks....."	114,735	111,680	84,825	80,161
Swiss including block....."	5,667	4,426	1,703	1,630
Brick and Munster....."	758	476	261	108
Limburger....."	852	647	281	214
All other varieties....."	14,322	13,925	28,056	23,577
TOTAL CHEESE....."	144,134	153,806	223,697	202,639
EGGS				
Shell, total.....cases.....	1,566	1,170	3,994	** 1,762
Frozen, total.....pounds.....	102,604	126,321	242,264	173,019
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	2,736	3,369	6,460	4,614
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	4,302	4,539	10,454	6,376
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds.....	11,498	10,562	12,448	13,632
Fryers....."	14,305	17,317	15,557	19,932
Roasters....."	32,354	45,025	28,497	38,855
Fowls....."	32,824	50,527	40,051	60,762
Turkeys....."	24,897	26,857	14,557	24,325
Ducks....."	8,406	5,949	3,394	3,195
Miscellaneous poultry....."	29,921	22,189	17,433	24,188
Unclassified poultry....."		14,837	8,293	12,493
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....."	154,205	193,263	140,230	197,382

\* Includes stocks which may be set aside for future delivery to government agencies, stocks held for Army and Navy and some commercially held on which no specific information is available.

\*\* Includes 137,000 cases held by FSCC.

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 37.5 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 78 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of December 1, 1943, were classified as follows: whites 18 percent; yolks 11 percent and mixed 71 percent.



## MEATS AND LARD

Substantial increases were shown in cold storage stocks of all frozen and cured meats during November. The overall increase totaled 100.4 million pounds. Holdings of beef increased by 48.4 million pounds, pork by 34.6 million, lamb and mutton 7.9 millions and trimmings and offal by 9.5 million pounds.

Beef stocks on December 1, 1943 were 183.1 million pounds or 52.6 millions heavier than those of a year ago and 95.8 millions heavier than average. Pork stocks totaled 376.1 million pounds; 84.3 millions above those of a year earlier and 39.6 millions above average.

Lamb and mutton stocks were 31.1 million pounds or 4.6 millions greater than last year and 22.1 millions above average, and trimmings totaled 113.5 million pounds, 40.2 millions heavier than a year earlier and 46.5 millions above average. Lard and rendered pork fat holdings showed a net reduction from November 1 of 23.9 million pounds. There were 133.2 million pounds of these commodities on hand on December 1, 1943. This quantity exceeds that on hand a year earlier by 75.8 million pounds and the average by 7.3 millions.

The Food Distribution Administration holdings included in the above figures total 20,204,000 pounds of cured pork cuts and 53,411,000 pounds of lard and rendered pork fat held in storage outside of processors hands.

Commodity	December 1 5-yr. av. 1938-1942	December 1 1942	November 1 1943	December 1 1943
- Thousand pounds -				
<b>BEEF</b>				
Frozen.....	73,337	122,470	120,820	169,846
In cure and cured.....	13,983	7,984	13,874	13,250
Total Beef.....	87,320	130,454	134,694	183,096
<b>PORK</b>				
Frozen.....	93,216	85,341	105,050	131,172
Dry salt in cure and cured.....	49,655	55,464	94,240	1/ 66,571
Pickled in cure and cured.....	193,615	151,036	142,142	1/178,329
Total Pork.....	336,486	291,841	341,432	1/376,072
<b>LAMB AND MUTTON</b>				
Frozen.....	8,936	26,462	23,207	31,074
<b>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</b>				
Frozen and cured.....	67,016	73,307	104,010	113,533
TOTAL MEATS.....	499,758	522,064	602,343	1/703,775
LARD.....	125,965	53,251	126,786	1/116,401
RENDERED PORK FAT.....	2/	4,183	30,377	1/ 16,831

1/ Included in the above figures are 20,204,000 pounds of cured pork cuts and 53,411,000 pounds of lard and rendered pork fat held by FDA and FSOC in storage outside of processors hands.

2/ Previously included with lard.

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1943 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
<u>FRUITS, FRESH</u>										
Apples.....barrels.....	-	3	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	23
Apples.....Eastern boxes.....	6	90	118	29	24	7	-	15	12,586	12,884
Apples.....Eastern boxes.....	1,750	4,128	637	29	707	-	1	1	-	7,253
Apples.....bushel baskets.....	11	1,739	1,160	312	1,596	40	17	8	-	4,889
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.....	-	5	-	1	11	-	2	-	12	31
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.....	-	2	-	4	-	2	1	-	20	29
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	3	38	75	2	5	-	3	3	813	942
Pears.....bushel baskets.....	-	23	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
<u>FRUITS, FROZEN</u>										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	88	1,361	1,494	759	773	673	542	33	5,181	10,904
Blueberries.....".....	1,468	5,696	4,973	1,108	620	5	59	73	90	14,092
Cherries.....".....	248	9,763	7,126	1,041	545	214	276	1,187	2,357	22,757
Young, Logan and similar berries.....".....	71	115	1,103	328	128	87	79	14	2,761	4,586
Raspberries.....".....	1,751	5,282	4,443	1,321	199	126	253	55	4,125	17,555
Strawberries.....".....	1,977	7,371	6,585	2,723	2,035	820	1,481	85	3,488	26,565
Other fruits.....".....	2,281	48,446	34,811	6,865	3,671	2,279	3,281	5,572	35,648	142,854
Cream.....40-qt. cans.....	23	260	41	19	49	3	9	1	30	435
Butter, creamery.....pounds.....	4,018	35,607	65,110	44,195	1,054	2,184	3,265	3,059	17,463	176,045
Cheese, American.....pounds.....	5,997	34,377	92,287	18,417	6,491	3,328	3,799	2,123	10,291	177,110
Cheese, Swiss including block.....".....	-	431	859	56	29	6	10	1	238	1,630
Cheese, brick and Munster.....".....	-	11	70	11	10	2	4	-	-	108
Cheese, Limburger.....".....	-	121	81	2	-	-	1	-	9	214
Cheese, all other varieties.....".....	490	7,267	5,600	2,981	128	4,410	390	982	1,329	23,577
Eggs, shell.....cases.....	26	284	528	290	32	112	121	50	319	1,762
Eggs, frozen.....pounds.....	4,665	27,038	38,634	67,849	4,598	4,106	14,952	1,840	9,337	173,019



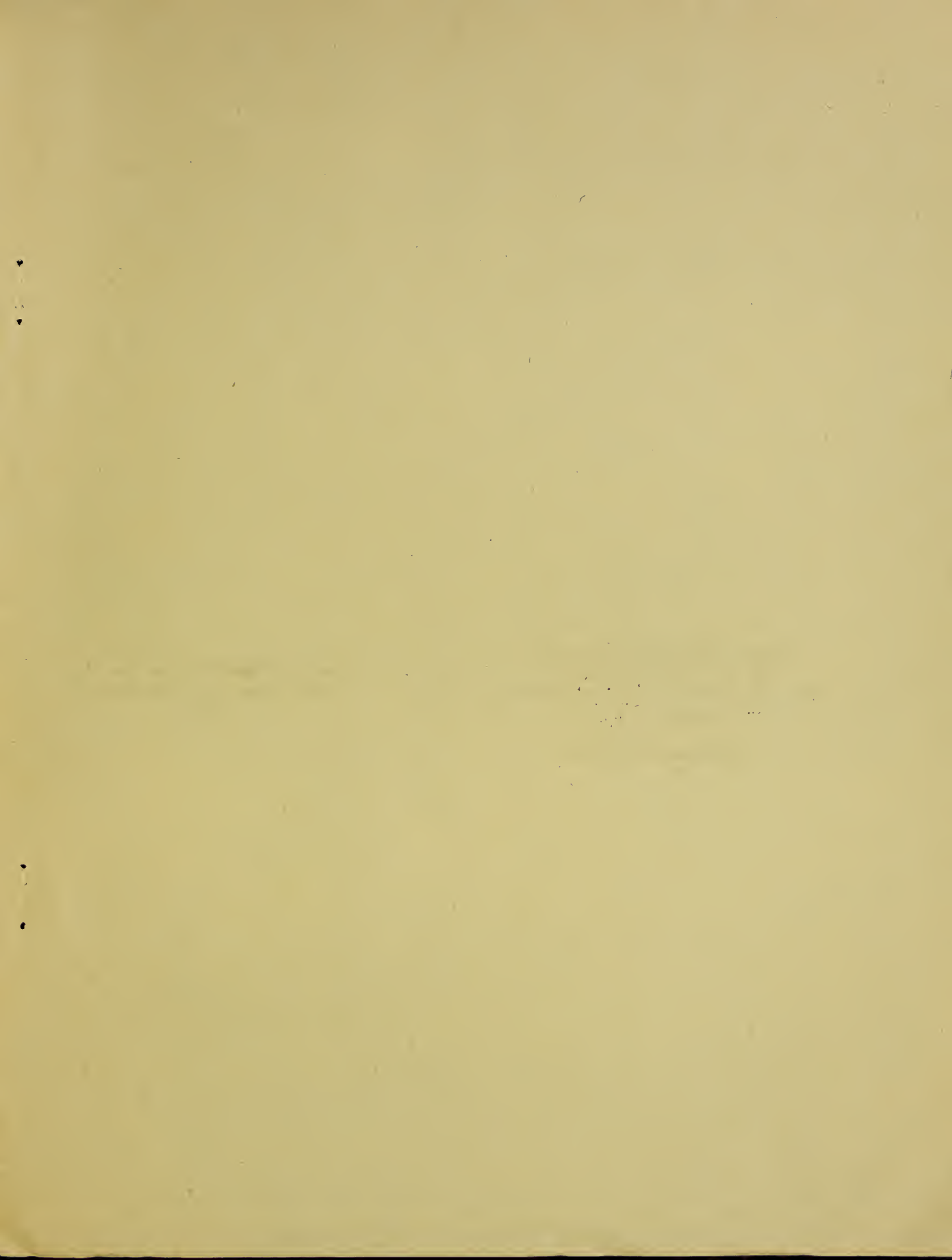
## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1945 BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic		East North Central		West North Central		South Atlantic		East South Central		West South Central		Mountain Pacific	Total
		Atlantic	North	Central	North	Central	Atlantic	South	Central	South	Central	South	Central		
- Thousands -															
FROZEN POULTRY															
Broilers.....pounds.....	1,082	2,986	4,413	4,149	269	81	33	234	385	13,632					
Fryers....."	539	3,583	7,137	7,001	457	267	95	63	790	19,932					
Roasters....."	4,025	12,608	12,092	8,806	196	51	131	143	809	38,855					
Fowls....."	3,272	15,252	21,027	16,170	1,532	474	827	324	1,884	60,762					
Turkeys....."	922	4,222	5,853	6,448	622	603	1,365	1,099	3,151	24,325					
Ducks....."	171	2,369	423	156	57	2	4	1	12	3,195					
Miscellaneous poultry....."	1,175	6,455	9,986	3,878	439	1,282	422	4	547	24,188					
Unclassified poultry....."	224	1,845	1,669	4,794	450	459	773	630	1,649	12,493					
MEATS AND LARD															
Beef, frozen.....pounds.....	8,981	33,346	45,068	38,229	8,794	3,505	12,034	3,985	15,904	169,846					
Beef, in cure and cured....."	124	1,231	4,860	5,662	225	169	658	48	273	13,250					
Pork, frozen.....pounds.....	3,654	20,839	36,846	46,895	4,226	3,605	5,591	1,992	7,524	131,172					
Pork, dry salt in cure and cured....."	1,530	2,586	31,697	24,692	2,588	436	1,775	509	758	66,571					
Pork, pickled in cure and cured....."	5,138	9,856	57,372	79,971	5,282	2,447	8,423	4,626	5,244	178,329					
Lamb and mutton, frozen.....pounds.....	2,524	8,464	10,140	5,562	746	77	2,230	496	835	31,074					
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible offal.....pounds.....	5,556	21,122	33,935	33,771	9,735	1,752	2,865	1,586	3,211	113,593					
Lard.....pounds.....	7,154	35,199	37,123	22,376	3,151	1,732	2,834	1,744	5,095	116,401					
Rendered pork fat.....pounds.....	451	188	9,824	4,779	224	22	350	69	924	16,831					

## DAIRY AND POULTRY HOLDINGS BY STATES

STATE	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter lbs.	American Cheese lbs.	Shell Eggs cases	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Total Poultry lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	20	3,545	3,969	20	3,309	10,097
Other States.....		473	2,028	6	1,356	1,313
NEW ENGLAND.....		4,018	5,997	26	4,665	11,410
New York.....	181	13,439	20,341	118	10,750	28,901
New Jersey.....	55	13,564	4,006	104	6,537	14,113
Pennsylvania.....	25	8,694	10,030	62	9,751	6,306
MIDDLE ATLANTIC.....		35,697	34,377	284	27,038	49,320
Ohio.....	11	8,663	6,344	69	6,201	8,493
Indiana.....		2,424	565	21	2,765	1,611
Illinois.....	10	44,196	13,009	345	22,962	43,675
Michigan.....	10	6,137	4,382	47	4,421	5,582
Wisconsin.....	10	3,690	67,987	46	2,285	3,239
EAST NORTH CENTRAL.....		65,110	92,287	528	38,634	62,600
Minnesota.....	9	13,284	2,820	27	12,049	6,093
Iowa.....	2	4,907	7	26	11,277	6,915
Missouri.....	8	12,083	12,066	101	26,680	15,049
Nebraska.....		6,660	71	53	9,704	17,964
Kansas.....		6,449	3,453	83	7,629	5,277
Dakotas.....		812	-	-	510	98
WEST NORTH CENTRAL.....		44,195	18,417	290	67,849	51,396
SOUTH ATLANTIC.....		1,054	6,491	32	4,598	4,022
Kentucky.....		373	816	18	1,305	1,018
Tennessee.....		1,478	1,900	85	2,653	1,740
Alabama & Mississippi.....		333	612	9	148	461
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		2,184	3,328	112	4,106	3,219
Oklahoma.....		1,204	1,156	16	2,636	370
Texas.....	7	1,206	2,484	99	11,000	2,238
Arkansas & Louisiana.....		855	159	6	1,316	1,042
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL.....		3,265	3,799	121	14,952	3,650
Colorado.....		1,047	360	26	665	1,077
Other States.....		2,012	1,763	24	1,175	1,421
MOUNTAIN.....		3,059	2,123	50	1,840	2,498
Washington.....		3,520	584	85	2,073	2,506
Oregon.....		2,118	2,606	27	607	1,463
California.....	30	11,825	7,101	207	6,657	5,298
PACIFIC.....		17,463	10,291	319	9,337	9,267
Other States..... (Combined for cream only).....	57					
UNITED STATES.....	435	176,045	177,110	1,762	173,019	197,382





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